Supply of Essential Commodities to Haryana

*372. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Essential Commodities like sugar, rice, wheat, etc. have not been fully supplied to Haryana during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the actual requirement and the supply made to Haryana during the above period, month-wise;

(d) whether Government propose to take effective steps in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (e) The allocations of foodgrains (wheat and rice) for Public Distribution System from the Central Pool are only supplemental in nature and are made on a month to month basis taking into account the stocks in the Central Pool, market availability, offtake trend, relative needs of various States and other related factors. A statement showing the particulars in respect of rice and wheat supplies to Haryana is attached. [*See* Appendix CLI, AnN173]

As regards sugar, the allocations are made on the basis of a uniform norms of 425 gramso per capita per month based on the population as on 1-10-83 upto Jannary, 1987 and thereater uo the population as on 1—10—86.

Ban on the conversion of agrcultural land for residential purposies

*373. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a major portion of agricultural and cultivable land is being converted into residential sites and the increase of such conversion of land into residential sites is threatening agricultural production; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to bring any legislation to put an end to the menace of conversion of agricultural land into residential sites?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) and (b) Conversion of agricultural land into residential sites is taking place on account of growing population and diversification of economic activity. Such conversion to non-agricultural use is, however, not of such a magnitude as to pose a threat to the growth in agricultural production. However, Government of India have been repeatedly impressing on all the States and the U.Ts that good agricultural land should not be diverted to non-agricultural purposes.

Proposal for grant of pension to the people living below the poverty line

*374. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any proposal to give pension to the landless labourers, small and marginal farmers, village artisans, construction workers and other poor people who are living below the poverty line in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Target for production of foodgrains

*375. SHRI P. N. SUKUL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the target for the production of foodgrains for the current financial year;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the target of foodgrains production keeping in view the fact that the country has received good rains during this monsoon;

(c) if so, the revised target; and

(d) whether any quota of foodgrains will be set apart for exports during this year?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) The official target for production of foodgrains during 1989-90 is 175 million tonnes.

(b) and (c) A proposal for revision of target is under consideration.

(d) Non-basmati rice within a ceiling of one lakh tonne will be allowed for export during the current year. The ceilings for export of coarse cereals agreed to for 1989-90 are:—

(i) Bajra	15,000	Mts
(ii) Jowar	15,000	Mts
(iii) Ragi	15,000	Mts
(iv) Barley	25,000	Mts

Allotment of plots under the Rohini Scheme

*376. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of persons registered with the DDA under the "ROHINI" Scheme have not been allotted plots as on the 31st July, 1989;

(b) if so, what is the total number of persons who have not been allotted plots even after a period of 8 years; and

(c) whether the DDA had recently conducted draw of lots for the persons who have not been allotted any plots so far and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) 50,560 registrants out of a total of 81,292 are still awaiting allotment of plots.

(c) 4704 plots have become available in 1989. These will be allotted to persons in accordance with the standing priority list already drawn with the help of computer. Out of these, 900 plots will be allotted to the registrants in the EWS/Janta category, 1740 belonging to the LIG category and 2064 belonging to the MIG category.

Setting up of Nitrogenous fertiliser plant

*377. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted an Expert Group to find out suitable sites for the establishment of New Nitrogenous Fertilizer Plant in the country;

(b) if so, whether any report has been submitted to this effect;